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SUBJ: KING'S INTEREST IN AIRCRAFT

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1. ON KING'S RETURN FROM AQABA FEBRUARY 2 CONVEYED TO HIM OUR PLANS TO SEND TWO-OFFICER TEAM TO BRIEF HIM ON PERFORMANCE A-4 SKYHAWKS AND DISCUSS WITH HIM BASIS FOR DOD SELECTION F-16 OVER F-17. MADE CLEAR TO HIM THAT THIS IS PURELY INFORMATIONAL VISIT TO PROVIDE HIM WITH CHARACTERISTICS AND PERFORMANCE. NO DECISION HAS BEEN MADE ON SKYHAWKS AND TEAM WILL NOT BE ABLE TO DISCUSS PROVISION OF THAT AIRCRAFT.

2. KING REPLIED THAT HE IS VERY PLEASED TO HEAR THE TEAM IS COMING. HE SAID HE HAS MADE NO DECISION YET ON WHETHER TO PURCHASE A-4'S, BUT AT THIS TIME HE IS LEANING HEAVILY TOWARD CONTINUING TO PURCHASE F-5E. HOWEVER, NO FINAL DECISION TO REQUEST THESE AIRCRAFT WILL BE MADE UNTIL HE HEARS A-4 BRIEFING TEAM.

3. ALSO EXPLAINED TO KING CIRCUMSTANCES RELAYED REFTEL (B) CONCERNING LOCKHEED BRIEFING. HE SAID HE UNDERSTANDS PERFECTLY REASONS FOR OUR PROCEEDING IN THIS MANNER. LOCKHEED MID-EAST REP ROBERT CONLEY TALKED WITH AMBASSADOR MORNING FEBRUARY 3 AND WILL
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BE IN TOUCH WITH HEAD OF JORDANIAN AIR FORCE ALSO TO

EXPLAIN WHY BRIEFING IS DELAYED. WE WILL AUTHORIZE HIM TO TELL BRIGADIER ABOUD, HEAD OF RJAF, FACT THAT AMBASSADOR HAS TALKED WITH KING ON DELAYED SKYHAWK BRIEFING.

4. KING REMINDED ME HE IS STILL INTERESTED IN PROSPECTS OF FUTURE SALE OF F-104 AIRCRAFT NOW IN JORDANIAN INVENTORY. WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF TEAM, PRIOR TO COMING OUT, COULD REVIEW FULL SITUATION IN THIS REGARD, INCLUDING POTENTIAL USED F-104'S WHICH MIGHT BE COMING ON WORLD MARKET AS COMPETITION, AND ANY POSSIBLE AREAS WHERE SUCH MIGHT BE SALEABLE. TEAM SHOULD OF COURSE TAKE INTO ACCOUNT FACT THAT U.S. PERMISSION IS REQUIRED TO SELL THESE AIRCRAFT ALL OF WHICH HAVE BEEN PROVIDED UNDER FMS EXCEPT FOR ONE UNDER GRANT.

5. FINALLY, WE BELIEVE TEAM SHOULD COME TO JORDAN ALLOWING SUFFICIENT TIME FOR OVERLAP WITH AIR DEFENSE TEAM WHICH WILL BE HERE BETWEEN 7 AND 15 FEBRUARY. WE BELIEVE IT IMPERATIVE THAT TWO TEAMS COORDINATE AND THAT WHATEVER BRIEFINGS PROVIDED BY ONE ARE AT LEAST GIVEN IN KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT OTHER TEAM HAS CONCLUDED AND WILL BE SAYING. THIS MEANS THAT BEST PERIOD FOR A-4 BRIEFING TEAM TO COME IS NEAR END OF PERIOD OF STAY OF AIR DEFENSE TEAM -- AROUND 11 TO 17 FEBRUARY. PLEASE ADVISE TEAM'S INTENDED ARRIVAL DATE AS SOON AS KNOWN.

6. SUGGEST DEPARTMENT PASS DOD/ISA AND USCINCEUR. PICKERING

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